

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached annotated sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 5, 6, 7A and 7B. The attached replacement sheets replace the original sheet of Figures 5, 6, 7A and 7B.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the drawings and specification were objected to. Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schulz et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,529,538). Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schulz et al. as applied to claim 1 above, in view of Okuyama (U.S. Pat. No. 5,558,580).

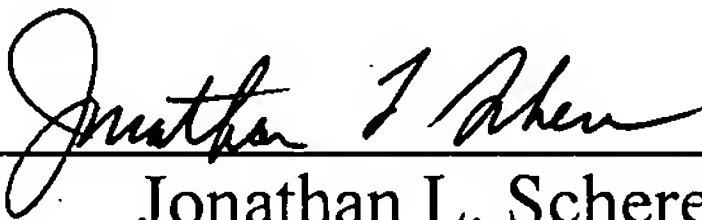
Applicant would like to thank Examiner Clifford Loudon and Primary Examiner Gregory Binda for the consideration given applicant's attorney at the interview of January 29, 2009. At the interview, agreement was reached with respect to the claims that they are distinguished over the prior art of record. It was further agreed that, in the absence of more relevant prior art, the captioned application should be in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should now be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

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FIG. 5

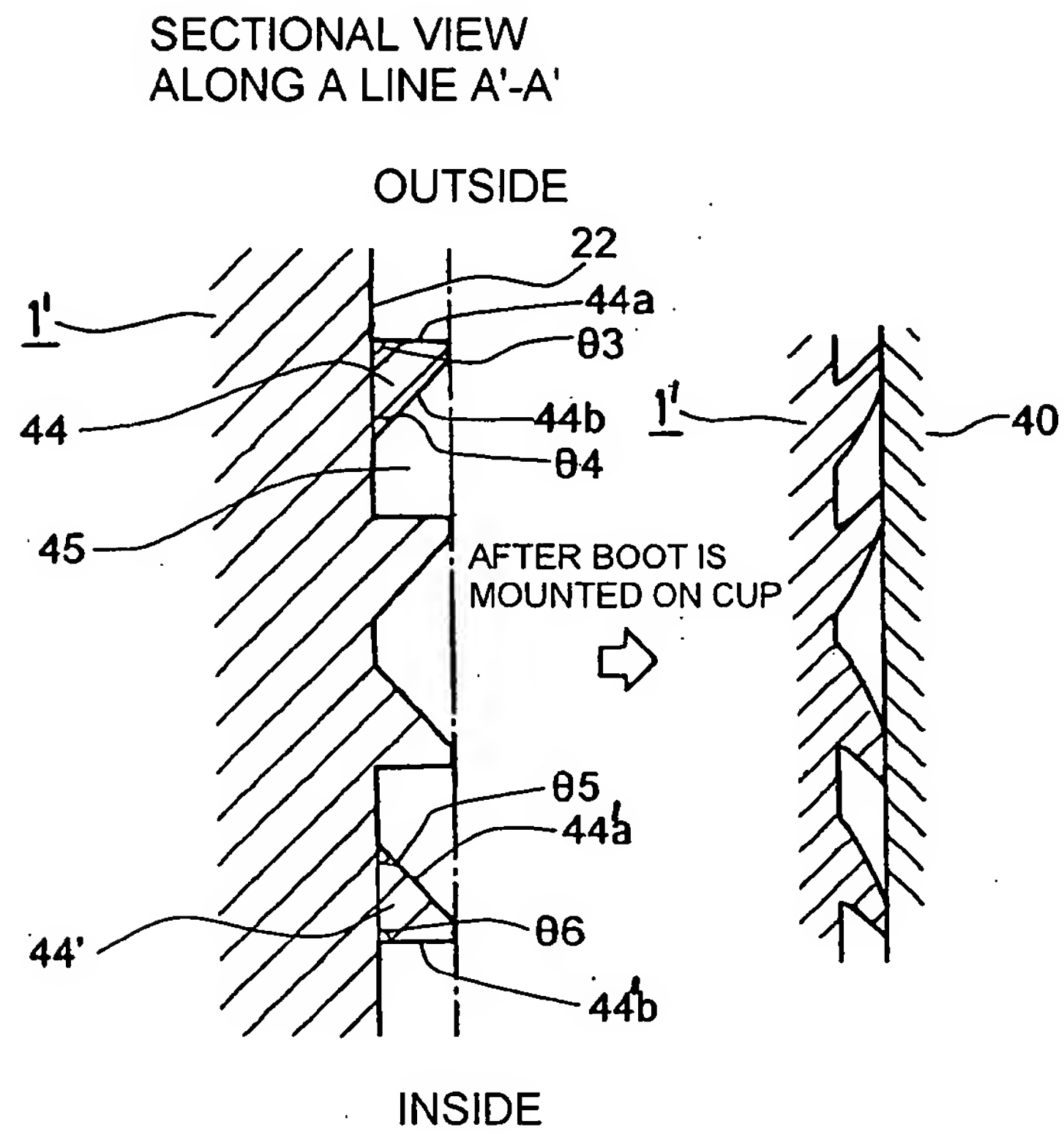


FIG. 6
PRIOR ART

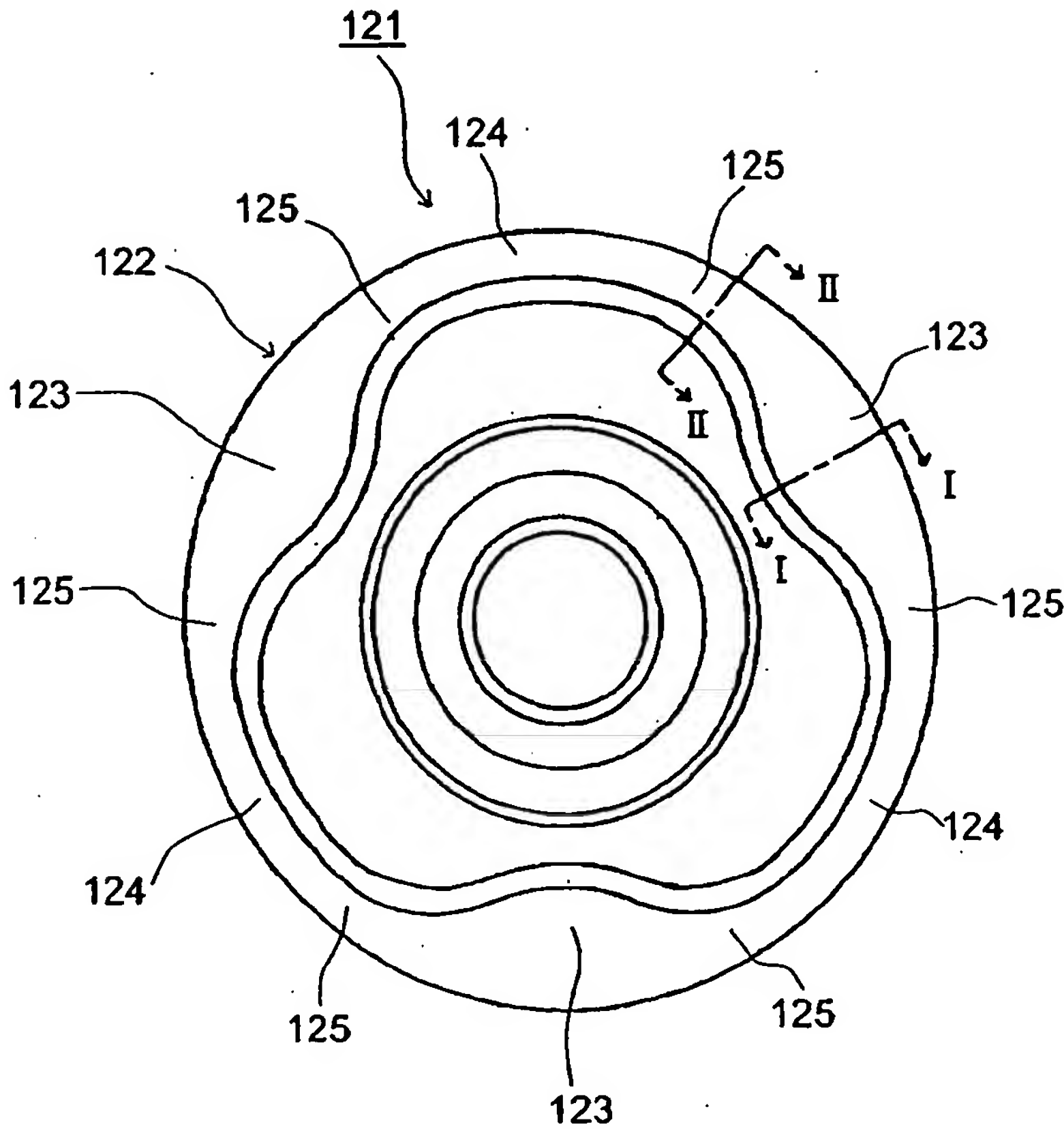


FIG. 7A
PRIOR ART

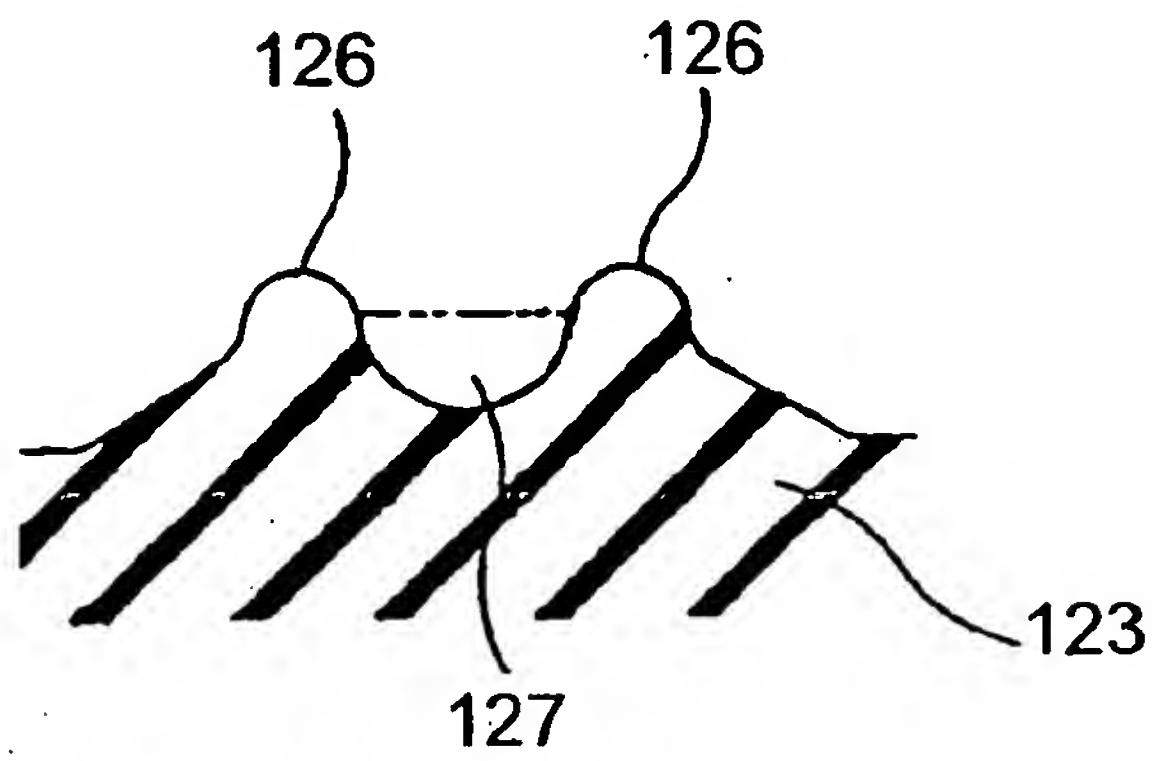


FIG. 7B
PRIOR ART

